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BOARD MEETINGS

7/11 Board Meeting 7 AM
7/12 Charitable Fund 5:30 PM



A NEW TERM BEGINS 2023-2024



THEEVENTS

The Pancake Breakfast

One of the greatest aspects of the Pancake Breakfast is the amount of teamwork involved over a three-day period. It truly does take a village to perform this event. This year we fed over 900 folks and brought in approximately \$6,500 under the leadership of **Jeff Wilson, Rich Lueck, and Bill Selb**. In fact, it was under Bill Selb's leadership that our club has been responsible for producing the breakfasts for over the past 20 years. Thanks to just about the entire membership of our club, the Boy Scouts, and the Village People we did it again.

THE 4th OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST LINE WAS UNUSUALLY LONG THIS YEAR



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MAKING THE PANCAKES



THE CREW AT WORK



IT'S ALL OVER SO TIME TO TAKE DOWN THE TENTS

Promo Demo

The outgoing Rotary Board President **Mary Kemnitz** and Charitable Board President **Larry Hutchings** were the hosts for the Promo Demo celebration at the Stanley Dollar Clubhouse in Rossmoor Saturday, June 24. After welcoming outgoing District Governor **Suzanne Bragdon**, and incoming District Governor, **Claire Roberts** Mary and Larry expressed their gratefulness for the opportunity to lead this amazing group of very productive Rotarians who comprise our club. They expressed their pride of what we've achieved together: owning our voices, sharing our stories, and creating a supportive and empowering Rotary community together. The goals this past year were to bring back an active community project roster, and indeed, we took that goal and pushed it over the top! Here are some of what we did:



LARRY HUTCHINGS



MARY KEMNITZ



SUZANNE BRAGDON



CLAIRE ROBERTS

Pancake Breakfast. Last year we fed over 800 hungry guests, under the leadership of Bill Selb, Rich Lueck, and Jeff Wilson.

Monument Crisis Center Christmas Holiday Boxes. The annual project that feeds the poor and homeless was under the leadership of Molly Bacigalupo who challenged us to increase the number of boxes from 75 to 175 and we did.

Youth Homes Drive to Thrive Foundation. We made a donation to this foundation that serves the youth, ages 18 – 24, who are struggling to transition to adulthood.

Butterfly Project at Newhall Park Butterfly Garden Renovation brings beauty to our community and exposure to what Rotary can do as a team. Thanks to Community Services Directors Clayton Worsdell and Rich Lueck's we worked to achieve that ideal.

Art in a Box. This project enabled us to work with the Mt Diablo School District Hope Program and distribute art supplies to homeless children. Newsletter Editor Joan D'Onofrio and Webmaster John Wenzel and their team made this possible and applied for a district grant to prepare 500 boxes.

Nsawo Village Maternity and Pediatric Clinic. This was designed and built by Hugh and Flor Toloui. Their creation of this amazing facility is a true labor of love. Herb and Deb, our Uganda members,

update us monthly and alerted us to their recent malaria outbreak. We immediately passed the hat and funded the village's need for mosquito netting.

C2C. This project is proof that a small spark of an idea can grow into a huge money maker that has changed so many lives throughout the years. Thanks to Dave and Mary Kemnitz's automotive expertise they provided a benevolence vehicle in partnership with the Lamorinda Rotary to an Afghanistan family.

Fundraisers: The Wine Barrel auction and Fun Run funded many high school and college scholarships. Let's not forget the street clean up Adopt-A-Street, the Interact Club revival and our work with the Boy Scouts. Clearly we will continue to learn, grow, and support one another as we strive for excellence in our personal and professional lives.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Special Award

Steve Weir: is a 26-year member and outgoing Secretary of the Charitable Fund Board who actually has a building in Martinez named after him. He is officially an Honorary Member



Rotarian of the Year



Vicki Sexton: Our treasurer who never says no to whatever is asked of her

Rising Star



Jeff Wilson: Organizational abilities galore

Above and Beyond

Joan D'Onofrio creator of Art in a Box and Newsletter editor

John Wenzel Webmaster and digital guru

Clayton Worsdell Photographer extraordinaire

Dave Kemnitz: Indispensable



THIS IS THE DEDICATED ROTARIAN WHO MAKES THIS NEWSLETTER POSSIBLE

The Fun Run



Membership Director Jeff Wilson reported that the Fun Run on Father's Day was a lot of work but a lot of fun as well. It brought in approximately \$3,500 and taught us a lot for next year's run.







Everybody knows somebody that has a car they don't need. Tell your friends about how we administer this vehicle donation program with volunteers so that the charity they choose gets the highest value. Donate online at Cars2ndChance.org or call for more information: (925) 326-5868.

... That's all folks